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SUBJ: STRELA MISSILE FROM PORTUGUESE GUINEA

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1. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS INFORMED DAO, IN WRITING, THAT WE MAY RETAIN FRAGMENTS FOR ANALYSIS IN U. S. OF MISSILE IDENTIFIED LOCALLY AS SA-7. NO CONDITIONS WERE ATTACHED BEYOND THOSE AGREED UPON VERBALLY WHEN MOD FIRST APPROACHED DAO: THAT ANALYSIS COULD PROBABLY BE DONE IN SIXTY DAYS AND THAT FRAGMENTS WOULD THEN BE RETURNED TOGETHER WITH ANALYSIS- BASED POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF MISSILE AS SA-7.

2. ALTHOUGH MOD DID NOT CONDITION LOAN OF FRAGMENTS TO PROVISION BY U. S. OF CHARACTERISTICS AND COUNTER-MEASURES, CLEARLY SHIPMENT OF MISSILE FRAGMENTS FOR ANALYSIS IN U. S. WILL PROVIDE PORTUGUESE WITH LEVER FOR SEEKING SUCH INFORMATION. CONSEQUENTLY WE PLAN HOLD FRAGMENTS UNTIL RECEIPT REPLY REFTEL. SHIPMENT BY POUCH TO REDSTONE ARSENAL CANNOT IN ANY CASE BE INITIATED UNTIL MAY 11.
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